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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above are the following:

- 1. This Transmittal (original only in view of electronic fee payment);
- 2. Petition To Withdraw Terminal Disclaimers;
- 3. Documents referred to in the Petition including:
 - a. Appendix A Copy of current claims in the subject application;
 - b. Appendix B Copy of claims pending in Application No. 10/721,031 (7098USP1) at time of application of double patenting rejection in subject application;
 - c. Appendix C Copy of claims pending in 11/248,650 (7098USC1) at time of application of double patenting rejection in subject application;
 - d. Appendix D Copy of current claims in 11/248,650 (7098USC1); and
 - e. Appendix E Copy of current claims in 10/721,031 (7098USP1).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due such as the Petition fee (e.g., 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) fee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.182) or any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR §1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment had not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025.

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